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PORTLAND REPORTED LOST.

Ship Was Totally Wrecked Off Highland Light On Sunday Morning.

THIRTY-FOUR BODIES WASHED ASHORE

Awful Mistake of the Portland's Captain. Story of the Terrible Results of Storm's Fury Along the Coast.

THE PORTLAND IS LOST.

Fatal Mistake of Its Captain in Disobeying Orders. Ruin at Boston.

Boston, Nov. 29.—Reports to the Associated Press for the New England coast to 10 o'clock this morning brings the aggregate list to 170 craft either wrecked, driven ashore or sunk during the storm. Thirty schooners were wrecked between Eastport and New Haven. Eighty-six schooners were driven ashore, 14 barges are aground, 35 wrecks in Boston harbor, and a number are missing. The loss of life is hard to determine, but is known to be over 40.

A special says the steamer Portland was totally wrecked at 10 o'clock Sunday morning off the Highland light. The entire crew and passengers perished a short distance from land. A large quantity of wreckage, trunks and other material came ashore and at dark last night 34 bodies were recovered from the surf by the life saving crew of Highland station. One body was a woman. Wire communication to Cape Cod is impossible. The officials of the Portland Steamship company have received no tidings of the missing steamer and it is thought she may be at Provincetown or other Cape Cod port where communication is interrupted.

Why Did the Portland Sail?

Portland, Me.—The Advertiser says this afternoon: Ever since the Portland has been missing there have been earnest inquiries from almost every one as to why the steamer should leave Boston Saturday night, when the storm was threatening and there was every appearance of a dangerous gale near at hand. The Bay State did not leave Portland that night and it has been difficult for people to understand why the Portland did not stay at her wharf in Boston.

There have been various rumors as to why she left, but the Advertiser is able to give this afternoon an authentic statement by Mr. Liscomb, manager of the steamship company. Mr. Liscomb said he was in Boston Saturday night. Late in the afternoon Mr. Liscomb telephoned to Mr. Williams, the Boston agent, and asked him to call Captain Blanchard to the telephone. Mr. Williams made a search for the captain but could not find him, and reported to Mr. Liscomb. Mr. Liscomb then told Williams to tell the captain not to sail on time but stay at his dock until 9 at least, when he could consult the weather reports and decide whether he ought to go or not.

Next day when Mr. Liscomb found the steamer had sailed he asked Mr. Williams what the captain said. "He said he should go at 7 o'clock" was the reply. It was a sad error of judgment on Captain Blanchard's part that he should leave in the face of explicit directions to the contrary. Probably he judged the storm was not likely to strike as soon as it did by several hours.

Other Reports of Loss.

Plymouth.—The havoc in the harbor is more extensive than was at first thought. Over a dozen craft are ashore and all are damaged. The crews escaped. Two bridges were swept away and there have been no trains or mails since Saturday.
New York.—The main line of the Long Island railroad is still blocked for ten miles. No trains have reached the terminus since Friday night. It is expected to be opened tomorrow.
Halifax, N. S.—An unknown four masted vessel is ashore at the entrance of the harbor. One body was washed ashore.
Philadelphia.—The British steamer Mackinaw signals that it has aboard the crew of one of the schooners wrecked on the New England coast Sunday.

THE EARLIER REPORTS.

Countless Casualties at Sea. The Coast One Mass of Wreckage.

Boston, Nov. 29.—Not since Minot's light was carried away in 1851 has there been such damage to the vessels in Boston harbor and bay as was caused by the storm of Saturday night and Sunday. Vessels of all sizes, from the great ocean steamer to the little fishing schooner, were dashed about, thrown on the shore or smothered and sunk by the great waves.

It is generally supposed that a vessel with strong ground tackle out is safe from any storm in the upper harbor at Boston, yet a dozen vessels dragged their anchors, even in that haven, and were dashed against the wharves or into one another, and thousands of dollars of loss was caused in this way alone. It is known that many more are ashore in every direction outside the harbor, and when the news of these disasters is all in it is believed that the damage done to shipping will exceed the record of almost any previous storm.

It is known definitely that over 70 lives have been lost in the wrecks of tugs, schooners and coal barges, and if the steamer Portland has also gone down, as now seems possible, the work of the storm will carry the casualties up to 150, with over 100 vessels of all description ashore, two scores of them being total wrecks, and an unknown number probably beneath the waves of Massachusetts bay.

There is scarcely a bay, harbor or inlet from the Penobscot to New London that has not on its shores the bones of some craft, while along Massachusetts bay, and especially Boston harbor, the beaches are piled high with the wreckage of schooners and coal barges. And yet the record, although hourly lengthening, is incomplete, for that ocean graveyard of Cape Cod is still to be heard from, and as it has never yet failed to give up some grim tale at such a time, it probably will not be found lacking on this occasion.

The annoyance of the railroad and street car embargo, covering the whole of southern New England, sunk into insignificance before the story of destruction wrought by wind and wave, yet it will be many a day before the full import of the disaster is known or even realized.

The islands of Boston harbor are without exception strewn with wrecks and wreckage. No less than 29 vessels are ashore at Gloucester, over 20 in a supposed safe harbor of Vineyard Haven parted their anchor chains, and are high and dry on the beach; Nantasket Beach saw two schooners and a coal barge dashed to pieces on its sands; the rocks of Cohasset claimed a staunch fisherman; Scituate, a well known pilot boat; Manchester, a down-east lumberman; while one tug and three barges known to have been between Cape Cod and Boston are unaccounted for, and probably lost.

Even the upper harbors of Boston, Plymouth, Salem, Portsmouth, Portland and other places where vessels were supposed to be comparatively safe, were the scenes of numerous collisions between ships and the wharves.

Every life saving crew performed feats of heroism in rescuing frozen seamen from the stranded vessels, while tug boat captains risked life and property in their endeavor to save life.

Though the work of gathering up the details of the effects of the storm on sea is still unfinished, the history of the blizzard on shore is about complete, for nearly all the railroads succeeded in breaking the embargo yesterday, and the street car lines were also partially successful in getting their systems again into operation.

It will be many a long day before the storm is forgotten, while its sad results will linger in the households of hundreds of families throughout the land.

The managers of the Boston and Portland Steamship company state that there are grave doubts as to the safety of the steamer Portland, which sailed from here Saturday night. Every harbor between here and Portland on the north shore has been heard from and one on the south shore, and in no case has the steamer been seen. The only remaining harbor which she could have reached is Provincetown on Cape Cod, and news from that point is anxiously awaited, as it is impossible to reach that place by wire. She carried 65 passengers and a crew of 32 men.

And if neither of these harbors succored her in locating the missing vessel there is little hope of her ever being seen again. A passenger list is being sent again, and at present there is no means of knowing the names of those on board outside of her officers. The steamer had in all 97 souls on board.

The Portland was built in Bath in 1890, and is a side wheel steamer of 1500 tons net burden. Her length is 280 feet, beam 42, depth 15 feet. She was valued at \$250,000, and is fully insured.

The storm caused widespread destruction at Plymouth, but no lives have been reported lost, although seven vessels are ashore and three are still to be heard from.

Besides taking off the crew of the Consolidated coal barge No. 1 at Pemberton, and a portion of the crew of the Calvin F. Baker at Boston light, the Hull life savers also rescued from a terribly exposed rock off Gun rock three members of the crew of the barge Lucy A. Nichols, which was wrecked at that point. The Nichols was one of the two barges which broke away from the tug Underwriter late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Her companion, the Virginia, has not as yet been heard from, and it is probable that she sunk with her entire crew of five men. Two of the crew of the Nichols were lost. An unknown schooner also struck the rocks below the Atlantic House, and before she went to pieces one man was seen in the rigging making frantic signals towards shore. Those on the beach, however, were powerless to aid him, and the vessels poked up before their eyes in a very few minutes. So completely was the schooner ground to pieces on the rocks that not the slightest trace of her name could be found on any of the small fragments.

Steam tug James Hughes, Jr., arrived at New Bedford from Vineyard Haven, having on board the crew of the Merchant and Miners Transportation company's steamer Fairfax, 38 in number; also eight passengers of the Fairfax.

The life saving crew report the wreck of a large barge, ashore at Humacook beach. It is thought to be the Daniel I. Tenney of Boston. No trace of the crew has been found as yet.

A vessel with one mast standing has been sighted ashore at Brant Rock. Five men were seen on Black Rock ledge, off Cohasset, yesterday. The Humane society launched a boat, but they were thrown into the water and drifted ashore. The Hull life saving crew came around in their boat and took off the men, returning to Hull.

In addition to the disasters enumerated above the following is as nearly as possible a list of the craft wrecked or sunk in this section:

Two-masted schooner Virginia, totally wrecked on Thompson's island.

Three-masted schooner Calvin F. Baker, totally wrecked between Boston light and the Great Brewster.

Schooner Bertha A. Gross, wrecked off Fresh island; three of her crew were drowned.

Barge 4 of the Consolidated Coal company sunk off Boston light.

Two-masted schooner totally wrecked on Hull beach.

Schooner B. H. Woodside totally wrecked on Toddy Rocks.

Barges Macaulay, Esport and Navesink reported lost with all on board near Fairmount.

Steamer Ohio of the Wilson line, aground on Spectacle island.

Ocean tug Tamaqua, aground on Rainsford island.

Steamer John J. Hill, ashore at Wollaston.

Two-masted schooner Albert H. Harding, driven up into the yard of the Boston Electric Light company at South Boston.

4.30.

PEACE ARTICLES.

Paris Commissions Preparing Final Document.

Paris, Nov. 29.—The secretaries of the two peace commissions began the task of formulating the articles of the peace treaty at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The work will be rapid, as the terms of the protocol will be transferred bodily to the treaty.

The secretaries will embody in tentative articles for discussion Wednesday the subjects of religious freedom of the Carolines, naval station there, cable landing rights, etc.

Russia and Turkey.

Constantinople, Nov. 29.—The czar of Russia, replying to the sultan's telegram urging him to abandon his intention of sending Prince George of Greece to Crete as high commissioner for the powers, declared the friendly sentiment of Russia towards Turkey to be unchanged, and while George is going to Crete the sultan's rights of sovereignty would be safeguarded.

Four-masted schooner Abel Babcock, broken up on Toddy Rocks, off Hull.

Barge H. A. Hawgood, ashore at Burnham's wharf at South Boston.

Fishing schooner Hume, ashore at South Boston.

Powder boat, ashore near Burnham's wharf, South Boston.

Schooner ashore near ruins of old ocean pier at Revere.

Schooner W. H. DeWitt, ashore at Nauset Head.

Unknown schooner ashore at Swampscott.

Two barges, of the Staples Coal company, ashore off Long Island Head.

Unknown yacht, sunk in the stream off East Boston ferry.

Schooner Agnes May, ashore at Salem.

Schooner Evelyn, ashore at Salem.

Schooner Ellis P. Rogers, ashore at Salem.

Small schooner, sunk in state dock, South Boston.

Five 2-masted schooners, ashore on Ten Pound island, Gloucester harbor.

Small schooner, sunk off Mystic wharf, Charlestown.

Schooner Carrie E. Roberts, ashore at Gloucester.

Two unknown schooners ashore at Rocky Neck, Gloucester harbor.

Two-master schooner, sunk at Hough's Neck.

Barges Kalmia, Thomaston and Schuykill, broke adrift in Long Island sound.

Fishing schooner Josie Cabral, ashore at Solitude.

Two-masted schooner Lucy Belle, ashore at Dorchester.

Two-masted schooner W. H. Y. Hackett, totally wrecked against the sea-wall at South Boston.

Three-masted schooner Leander V. Daube, wreckage picked up off Toddy Rocks; crew probably lost.

One-masted schooner Henry B. Tilton, totally wrecked on Hull beach.

In Ram's Head channel, Boston harbor, entrance, many of the buoys are out of position as the result of the storm.

The southeast breaker buoy, off Baker's land, is gone. Devil's Rock buoy is out of position, having drifted one-half of mile southwest. Fawn bar buoy has drifted from its position one-half a mile, being now a half-mile toward from Deer Island.

Lost at Gloucester and Rockport. Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 29.—As a result of one of the most furious storms Gloucester has ever known, 29 large vessels are ashore about Cape Ann.

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66c	Good Toilet Soap, 4c cake, 7 cakes for 25c	
69	Violet Soap, 6 cakes 49c	
69c	One Quart Best Bay Rum	6 cakes 49c
69c	A Razor, regular price \$2.50, our price 1.50	
69c	A Razor, regular price \$1.50, our price 1.00	
69c	Atomizers, regular price \$1.00, our price, 50c	
69c	A Good Hot Water Bag	39c
69c	A large bottle of Lavender, Violet, Florida or Cologne Water,	40c
69c	2 Bottles Royal Tooth Powder	25c
69c	1-2 Jar Screw Cap Vaseline,	10c
75c	A Good Fish Brush, regular price \$1.50, our price	
75c	A two-ounce Bottle of the best Extract Vanilla, Orange or Lemon	25c

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.
 —John A. Andrew.

MEMBERS ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The latest telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the world are received exclusively by The Transcript up to the hour of going to press.

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 From the seal of the city of North Adams

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 29 98

ADVERTISERS in The Transcript are the best business men in this community. Their advertisements are worth reading, and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

COMMUNICATIONS on live topics are solicited by The Transcript. They must be signed (not necessarily for publication) and be brief, to insure printing.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

A. W. Hardman has obtained The Transcript. The Daily and Weekly Transcript will issue as heretofore.

TWO CANDIDATES.

If John Parker has, as is reported, decided to stay out of the mayoralty race, he is open to the congratulations of his friends. From the point of view of practical wisdom it is the only course open to him. It is the best thing for the city, for the party, and for Mr. Parker. It will leave the city free for a contest between two candidates who represent the best in two parties. It will leave the party more united than ever before, and it will leave Mr. Parker in a position to command more respect and influence as a man and as a politician than would be possible otherwise.

Since the republican caucuses the sentiment in favor of Mayor Cady, which was then growing stronger, has steadily increased, until his position today, without regard to Mr. Parker's stand, is stronger than ever before. Mr. Parker has heeded the signs, as seems probable, and will have shown his republicanism as equal to the test. The municipal campaign will be between Mayor Cady and the man whom the democrats shall choose. It will be fairly fought and honestly won. Mayor Cady is a candidate upon his record, and whoever shall run in opposition to him will have to meet the strongest argument that any candidate can have, an honest and business-like administration to show.

PEACE FOR HUMANITY.

The Spaniards have developed a grim sense of humor during the trying times of the last ten months. It was a bit of genius that inspired the Spanish commissioners to allow the war to be brought to a practical termination, by submitting to the great point of dispute, with the same declaration that was on American lips when the war began. "Considerations of humanity" prompted her to submit, under protest, to what she of course considers the injustice of a "war for humanity."

Whatever may be the American idea, it is inevitable that from the Spanish point of view this early declaration is regarded, as W. T. Stead reports it, with incredulity. From this point of view the acceptance of our phrase was a fancy touch that should have evinced the solemnity of the occasion of submission.

THE TEST OF ROOSEVELT.

The preachers of New York city who are already "booming" Theodore Roosevelt for president are showing themselves to be creatures of impulse rather than judgment. It will be better for these gentlemen of the cloth who so rapturously admire the valiant Rough Rider to wait and see what kind of a governor he makes, before naming him for a still higher position.

It does not follow that because a man excels in all the popular virtues of the soldier, the sportsman and the public orator, he will necessarily succeed in the administration of the elaborate governmental affairs of such a great state as New York. If he does succeed in his new line of duty, as he probably will, not ordinarily well, but as conspicuously as he succeeded at El Caney; if he conquers the ring that swirls about Albany, overthrows bossism in his own party and corruption in the management of state affairs, then it will be time to talk of Gov. Roosevelt for the presidency.

But he has not yet entered upon the supreme test, the fight of honest, independent government against "the machine," and his reverend admirers would do well to remember this fact, and possess their souls in patience while awaiting the issue of the contest. It will surprise his myriad of admirers, however, if Mr. Roosevelt is not fully equal to the herculean task.

FREE EDUCATION FOR CUBANS.

Already American colleges are enlisted in the good work of teaching the Cuban idea how to shoot. Gen. Joseph Wheeler, U. S. A., has commissioned Gilbert K. Harroun, treasurer of Union College, to ask American colleges if

each of them would give free education to two or more young Cubans if the right sort of men could be found anxious to procure a college course in this country. It has been already noted in these columns that Williams college has offered to do this. Mr. Harroun has written to more than 300 college presidents in the United States asking them to advance Gen. Wheeler's plan. More than 100 replies have been received, and with one accord the colleges agree to take two or more young men who can pass the necessary examinations and who can come properly vouched for as to character, and make them beneficiaries to the extent of free tuition.

Mr. Harroun states that over 500 young Cubans will be educated in this way.

This is good work. It is of a piece with the liberation of Cuba by the United States government. The republic brings freedom, food and light to the sufferers under centuries of blighting Spanish rule.

According to the old sign, we are to have 25 snow storms this winter.

The democratic convention delegates are doing some hard thinking these days.

Look out for the bad quarters, and the dollars will take care of themselves.

The governor of Vermont insists on the passage of his bill for attracting rich farmers to his state by means of a pension arrangement.

So Congressman Lawrence is "against the open door." It is to be hoped that he is more substantial than to lean against it.

Solomon Sweetzer of Jamaica Plain fell dead from exhaustion Tuesday while shoveling snow. Every householder should take warning.

A snow storm is the one thing before which modern science proves helpless. Moralists delight to point a lesson from this, while the ordinary man shovels snow on account of it.

Pittsfield has reached the stage in its no license campaign where the license and no license supporters are buying and using columns side-by-side in the local papers.

The enemies of the expansion policy will learn with a shiver that the United States has secured from England by lease an island in the Indian ocean named Sokotra, which is to be used by our government as a coaling station. The conditions, according to the report, are that the American government shall erect two lighthouses on the island, but not fortify it or sell coal there. Sokotra is 150 miles from Cape Gardafui and about 220 miles from the Arabian coast. It is 71 miles long from east to west and 22 miles wide at its greatest breadth.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

William's Finger in the Fire. Berlin, Nov. 29.—It is learned that Colonel Schwartzkoppen, former German military attaché at Paris, while supping with Emperor William at Potsdam on Sunday, detailed the whole of the inside history of the Dreyfus-Esterhazy and Fickert cases to his majesty, who contemplated taking some action in the matter. Chancellor Hohenlohe, Minister von Buelow and General von Hahnke will be summoned to Potsdam to discuss the advisability of an official German pronouncement on the subject. It is said that the emperor, during his recent tour, conversed with several persons about the Dreyfus case, and it is added that the new points which he has heard have prompted him to his present action.

Institution at Marlboro. Marlboro, Mass., Nov. 29.—All the employees of John O'Connell's shoe factory, which posted a free shop notice last week, remained away from the shop yesterday with the exception of a few men who are making preparations with the annual stock taking. The strikers held a meeting yesterday and voted not to go to work at the factory. Mr. O'Connell, in an interview, intimated that all his employees were welcome at his factory whether they belonged to the union or not. There is no change at the S. H. Howe factories, but there is a general feeling that an attempt will be made to resume work in a short time. The situation at the other factories is unchanged.

Mystery Deceit as Ever. Bucksport, Me., Nov. 29.—The town of Bucksport, as a municipality, has abandoned its investigation of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Ware, an aged widow, who was found dead in a pasture with her skull crushed on Oct. 2. Detective Odlin, who has been at work on the case about 10 weeks, made his final report to the municipal officers yesterday. The substance of which was that he could not find evidence enough to warrant an arrest. It is understood that the evidence previously submitted to the attorney general has not been considered sufficient to warrant any procedure, and the mystery remains as great as at any time since the murder.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Abel W. Loomis, aged 75, and his wife, 10 years younger, were asphyxiated by escaping natural gas at Oswego, N. Y.

Unusually large sales of New England cotton mills shares at advanced prices show that these securities are still held in high esteem.

A house owned by Albert J. Holt, and a barn owned by Horace Libby at Randolph, Mass., were completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at about \$9000.

The plant of W. D. Young & Co. gunsmiths and dealers in hardware, lumber and hardware specialties, located in West Bay City, Mich., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$35,000.

Mrs. Mary Hawley, wife of Rev. Hugh R. Hawley, incumbent of St. James, Marylande, London, and long and favorably known in philanthropic, artistic and journalistic circles, is dead.

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OUR NEW YORK LETTER

TALK ABOUT THE OPERA IS NOW CURRENT COIN IN THE METROPOLIS.

What It Costs to Carry on Operatic Performances—Getting Ready for Productions—Trials and Tribulations of an Impresario.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—[Special.]—Talk about opera and the great singers therein is now current coin in this town, and here are a few paragraphs gathered from the floating mass:

Cost of Grand Opera.

E. C. Stanton used to say that the yearly expenses of the Metropolitan Opera House were about \$475,000, but that figure would be too low in these days when a company of singers to be acceptable to the widest musical, social and financial sets of the town must contain a much larger number of celebrated vocalists than ever before. It is very likely, indeed, everything considered, that \$600,000 would be too low rather than too high an estimate. Not the least of the opera expenses this year, and every year for the matter of that, is involved in the maintenance of the ballet. The premiere dancers are not paid in comparison with the prima donnas, though they used to be of course, yet the salaries of the ballet queens are higher than those of many a first class ex-cutive man employed by a big business corporation, ranging, say, from \$500 to \$800 a month and sometimes touching higher figures even. The dancers of the second grade, of whom there are sometimes scores, get from \$30 to \$10 a week. The "extra ballet" girls, occasionally 100 or more in number, get \$5 to \$10 a week. Besides, all these girls are costumed by the management without cost to the girls. Chiefly for economical reasons the costumes are generally put together on the premises, and the quarters occupied by the designers and makers of the costumes are among the busiest departments of the opera house immediately preceding and throughout an important opera season. It is frequently necessary to make a complete new set of ballet costumes with a change of bill; but, on the other hand, many of the costumes may be used for almost any standard opera. For this reason all such costumes are preserved. The stock on hand at the time the opera house burned out a few years ago numbered fully 6,000. The present stock is even larger, and of almost infinite variety, yet the costumes of the establishment have been rushed "for fair" the last few weeks in getting ready for the coming season.

Stage Pictures and Rehearsals.

The music of an opera is, of course, the most essential thing, and any manager who should try to force performances by inferior singers or with second rate instrumental work would discover this to his cost, yet the scenic effects are almost as important, and this is more signally true every year. In these days, especially in so ambitious a house as the Metropolitan, every setting must not only be a stage picture but it must also be realistic and more than suggestive of the real thing. Stone walls made of cardboard or canvas that flap in the drafts, prison doors of such light construction and loose fit that they will rebound when suddenly shut, trees that are too palpably painted cloth and nothing more, will not satisfy the modern patrons of opera.

Moreover, the costumes must fit harmoniously into the picture. It is not enough that each performer is dressed so as to bring out the best points of the individual and of the part. All must be so attired as to maintain the general harmony of the color scheme at all times. A false color note in the costume of one insignificant member of the ballet or the chorus might spoil the entire effect of a tableau containing hundreds of performers and produced at a cost of hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Of course the scenic artist and the costumer, the stage manager and the gas man, the stage carpenter, the electrician and the ballet master all have to work together in harmony to produce results acceptable in the matter of stage pictures, and each finds the responsibility heavy enough, but no one about the entire establishment is half so worried and fretted and nagged and generally put to it as the impresario himself. For, while his greatest stroke has been struck when he has got his company together at a cost that seems likely to be low enough to render profits possible, he must necessarily keep an eye out all the time to see how things generally are progressing. This is true, of course, with regard to the stage settings and quite as much so with regard to the rehearsals. Luckily for the impresario, the stage settings and the rehearsals can often receive what attention he has to bestow upon them at one and the same time; were it not so, there is a question whether he could possibly find time in busy "arid" to supervise them both.

Naturally, his functions in regard to both are chiefly initiative and critical. Thus, he explains at the beginning of a production's preparation how he desires things done. Then all hands turn to and try to realize his notions. The stage carpenter does his part, the scene painter paints, the costume maker hustles like mad, the stage manager drags all his hands, the ballet master strives to perfect the dancers in their work, the gas man and the electrician study and experiment with the lights, and while each may feel morally sure he has done his level best and reached the highest possible ideal, it is the impresario alone who decides as to their success in advance of the public, and his decisions are necessarily made at rehearsals.

Monarch of All He Surveys. On these important occasions the impresario is naturally monarch of all he surveys. Almost every head assents to his suggestions; almost every man and every woman, figuratively speaking, bends the knee. The stage manager, the scene painter and the stage carpenter, after many bickerings among themselves, let us say, have got up a scene combining and sea waves and a rocky headland. When all is ready, the impresario is bidden to behold the result. He is hurried, worried and bound to judge according to his best lights. "Too much headland; not enough ocean," says he, after a moment.

"Why, certainly!" they all cry in a breath. "Any one ought to see that more ocean will be more effective for the line, excepting when the singers themselves are criticized. If they are new and not sure of success, they, too, are treacherous and mock, but otherwise the impresario who assumes to dictate anything to them is surely a much to be pitied man."

But his plight in such a case is altogether too serious a matter for consideration here.

DANIEL MANSFIELD.

Combs these are new and original and not near so liable to become infected with worms as those of a dark color.

Infertile queens will produce drones and nothing but drones. They are not fit for breeding purposes and should be destroyed.

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Artificial queens may be reared in the colony whether it be weak or strong, but natural queens are produced only in strong colonies.

LIFE AND DEATH.

Much Good Has Been Accomplished During the Past Year.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The following is an abstract of the report of the general superintendent of the lifesaving service: At the close of the last fiscal year the establishment embraced 266 stations—192 being on the Atlantic, 56 on the lake, 15 on the Pacific and one at the falls of the Ohio at Louisville. The number of disasters to documented vessels during the field of operations of service during the year was 402. There were on board these vessels 2113 persons, of whom 12 were lost. The estimated value of the vessels and cargoes involved was \$7,168,350. Of this amount \$6,410,650 was saved and \$757,860 lost; 603 shipwrecked persons received succor at the stations. The number of vessels totally lost was 59.

In addition to the foregoing there were during the year 365 casualties to small craft, on board of which there were 874 persons, of whom 10 were lost; value of the property involved \$199,706, of which \$177,326 was saved, 56 other persons were rescued who had fallen from wharves, piers, etc., the most of whom would have perished but for the aid of the lifesaving crews.

The crews saved, and assisted to save, during the year 471 vessels, valued with their cargoes at \$2,808,655, and rendered assistance of minor importance to 324 other vessels in distress, besides warning from danger by the signals of the patrolmen 226 vessels. The number of lives and the amount of property saved through these warnings cannot be determined, but it is certain that numerous disasters were thereby averted.

The cost of the maintenance of the service during the year was \$1,497,676.55, which sum, however, includes \$56,953 expended during June and July from a special appropriation of \$70,000 for the maintenance of 139 stations as coast signal stations for war purposes on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

The Navy's Br. Kidney.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The court of inquiry appointed to investigate and determine the responsibility for the breakdown of the cruiser Buffalo, when only a few days out from New York on her way to join Admiral Dewey's fleet in the Philippines, found that the accidents were due to neglect and incompetency on the part of the engineers of the ship, and recommended that Chief Engineer Bieg be reprimanded and that Assistant Engineers Summerson, Mackay and Rodgers, who have only temporary appointments, be discharged from the service. Assistant Secretary Allen modified the findings so far as to retain the three assistants in the service, but transferred them to other duty.

Fire in the furniture establishment of Robert Ke h & Co., at Kansas City, caused a loss on stock estimated at \$200,000, and on the building of \$50,000. Both losses are covered by insurance.

While men were excavating rocks at New York city an embankment caved in. Patrick Pepper and Dennis Coffey were killed and Dominico Marriekonas and Thomas King were seriously injured.

Wilson Klinger of Joliet, Ill., a graduate student in the school of pedagogy at Cornell, was drowned in the recently new laboratory canal in Fall Creek. Klinger was preparing for an appointment as professor in a court state college.

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HERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE.

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HARVEY A. GALLUP,

The World of Woman.

DAISY MAY'S FASHION CHAT.

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Quoted, Newport and Lenox are deserted. Golf votaries have turned their backs upon the links and followed their erstwhile champion, Miss Hoyt, into the field of social functions. Everybody is in town—that is, every one worth knowing—and we are all so glad to be back in dear old Gotham. Our metropolitan mansions have been restored to their original splendor under James' careful supervision, and many are once more seen in accustomed places with a good appetite and excellent digestive apparatus, which is part of the layout acquired during a summer sojourn in these times of athletic activity.

Fashion assembled, as a matter of course, for the horse show, and all other delinquents rushed pell-mell to town for Thanksgiving, which, by the way, has grown to be a distinctive festive occasion. House parties are the order of the day. I was bidden to a Murray Hill home, which is now the scene of a week's gaiety. It began with cathedral worship on the day proper and has been interspersed with good old style family reunions, to be appropriately ended in a cotillon a la militaire as a fitting tribute to beloved heroes in blue and brass.

Naturally, under these conditions my thoughts reverted to the ever perplexing problem of frocks. I gadded a lot. I frequented the shops, peered into the clothes cabinets, where the subtle perfume of Paris productions fairly intoxicated, and thus learned much of prevalent fashions, partially compensating for the lack of plethoric purse.

Such a bewildering assortment of fetching fashions and extravagant accessories has never before combined to wheedle shining shekels from lady's netted purse of gun metal!

As an echo of the recent Hispano-American war we hear madame extol the virtues of the "Devon art."

"It gives to lady height."

"The graceful flounce admirably reveals lady's superb curves."

"It is vraiment charmant," purrs the manteau maker.

With lengthened yoke and flounce absolutely devoid of fulness madame will exclaim ecstatically:

"Paris has no model like unto you! You are beautiful! Give me the mirror! Let me look!"

So the world of woman is persuaded. Hence the Dewey skirt in vogue consists of a sheathlike yoke, with undulating flounce as scant or deep as taste dictates. It is no longer a question of fulness, but how closely can you imitate the "pinbacks" of long ago.

One of the most attractive examples of the new skirt was worn by a chum of mine, the younger sister of a Grace church bride. It was of bronzy gray cloth developed in modish material known as pompon suiting. The snug fitting yoke of plain cloth described a deep, round point in front, ending ab-

ruptly over the hips, about eight inches below the waist line, guileless of seam or fulness, and from this hung a slightly applied flounce of like weave, chenille dotted.

It was a dream. Curious eyes and envious glances proclaimed it a success.

A tiny silk cord laced over a half dozen jeweled buttons closed the center seam at back. A similar mode of decoration was employed to fasten the simple bodice which is known to fame as the "Shirley overwaist," and without doubt it is the most chic evolution of the blouse up to date. It is sleeveless, skirted and a bit bouffant in front. It is worn with a guipure lace yoke, your gown and may be made of mousseline, heavy lace or in fact any combination of sheer stuffs, and ribbons and laces.

Don't imagine, dear people, that these accurate descriptions and "daily hints from Paris" originate in my own small brain. It is madame who gowns mademoiselle and after the manner of her country women chatters incessantly at my fittings who is responsible. Little does the shrewd bargainer, trafficking in ideas, ken that I turn her volubility to account. Did she even suspect I'd be seeking another unusual calling for "a mam'selle of society?"

But to return to my subject. I'm going to tell you all I discovered along the avenue before I forget it.

The modes of the moment are so infinite in variety that to be "properly gowned" is the most important point, so madame says, and her advice on the subject is not given gratuitously.

Unqualified praise was bestowed upon a striking costume donned by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, the new social leader, at a Sherry gathering. She was simply radiant in a marvelous combination of black and white, with the order of its association reversed—for instance, white lace sleeves with black frillings instead of the time honored black point d'esprit, which in all likelihood has run its course. The skirt and bodice of heavy white taffeta were embroidered in black silk cord from hem to neck, which produced much the same effect as an applique of guipure lace would. A succession of black net ruffles, each a trifle shorter than the other, encircled the hips below a white velvet belt defining the waist line. From henceforth, then, you may consider white and black do rigueur, but never again black and white.

And, do you know, after the affair, which was in the nature of a reception, she joined a clique who had planned for billiards at a neighboring club annex, beating her opponent four out of five games? All the men say she's a "wonder" with the cue—albeit this may sound a trifle more expressive than elegant.

As a matter of fact she's the most expert woman billiardist in town. She is a devotee of the green cloth and I understand intends reviving interest in the game by a series of billiard parties

during the winter. But it did seem odd how she was able to move about so gracefully and handle her cue with dexterity in all her frills and turban-like. However, it speaks well for the art of cutting, which has proved the stumbling block of the striking ladies' tailors.

Just a word about hats and then to gossip again.

Picture hats have lost none of their bewitching qualities, though these old friends do come to us in a brand new guise.

Jack says, if anything, they have a more tantalizing tilt.

There are still the great mass of velvet

crushed into becoming shape and drooping plumes framing the face ever so prettily, but they have added glory to their previous conquests—are looking upward—and call themselves "the Hobson."

In millinery parlance your picture hat is "retrograde," turns back on the face, preserves a graceful contour, perches coquettishly on the back of your head, is heavy laden with nodding plumes and altogether fascinating.

Color is rampant; therefore picture chapeaux are no longer confined to the somber black family, but flaunt them-

selves about the thoroughfares in vivid hues.

I believe the women of New York are the best dressed people in the world taken as a class. They understand the scheme and study the process. Who but a woman that has learned her lesson well would dare come forth in purple gown and scarlet headgear?

Such a one appeared at the first symphony concert. What a ripple of excitement when she entered! Lady stood the ordeal of leveled loggnettes and focused opera glasses, coming to the fore as a blue ribbon winner.

Some few were prone to criticize. Heads were bobbing right and left for

them so far. Do they dare order coffee cups full of amber mixture?

I'll watch and wait and tell.

About the coffee—mind you, it is not the ordinary kind, but black and strong, filling the room with its delicious aroma, causing the well bred nostrils to sniff the air—stimulating it is, but not conducive to respectful mien. It may be equally pernicious in its tendencies as alcohol or drugs. In such case 'twould be swapping the devil for a witch.

All things considered, however, the innovation is rather fetching and desirable to be popular. May a man affect the coffee habit, the thoughtless men scorn

gets rather tired of hearing about her new dresses and hats." If your friend have any wits at all she will take the hint to herself and profit by it.

Or, again, we will suppose the person at foot is a man, and you say to him, "I do like to see a man keep his hands and necks trim and clean." Unless he is very sensitive, he will not think you are reproving him actually, but will probably endeavor in the future to live up to your expectations.

Another occasion upon which we long to correct the mistakes of our friends is when they pronounce words or names wrongly. Don't blantly repeat the word in its correct form and make the culprit

Women In the City of Havana.

Public attention has been much centered on events in Havana. The landscape is by no means imposing or grand, though it is bright and charming and the equable condition of its climate is shown by the fact that glass windows are very rarely seen, and there is not little desire for fireplaces. Hardly anywhere else are palm trees so abundant. They gracefully adorn all the chalk hills and serpentine rocks which he round the port and along the shore and stretch far into the island. The various forms of cactus, the mangoes, orange and lemon trees, the sage and breadfruit trees, the pomegranate and oleander bushes, all unite in giving the environs of Havana a peculiarly gay appearance, which is increased by the mild atmosphere. Thus the splendid port, with its forests of masts, the citadels and forts perched on every hill near the harbor and over all the deep blue arch of the tropical sky, flecked with fleecy clouds, make a picture which is beyond doubt the most charming to be found in the West Indies.

Havana is divided into two great halves by its broad pases, or promenades. The outer town is more modern and airy, having wider streets and better pavements. The inner town is older and more animated, for it is the center of business. Here, as elsewhere, money is power. Every one aims at having his own comfortable house and above all, his private "volante," or small two wheeled gig, which has no driver's seat, but a negro bestrides the horse. The ladies of the better classes appear in public only in carriages, and it is said that many of them have never set foot in the streets. They never enter a shop, but sit placidly in their equipages while the shopkeeper brings his wares across the pavement for their inspection.

The array of well dressed ladies to be seen in the pases on Sundays and feast days is gay and brilliant in the extreme. These Sunday promenades are the great rendezvous of all pretty and well to do women. Money, fashion and love of finery are then displayed in the most gorgeous toilers. Even in winter the beautiful climate permits the wearing of the thinnest costumes. The married ladies of Havana wear out of doors what would be deemed ball dresses in the north.

The "volantes" go by in two long lines. The gentlemen on foot lounge in the broad alleys and contentedly watch them. The long, light and somewhat uncomfortable "volante" looks picturesque with its silvered fittings. The negro postilion wears his finest jacket, richly trimmed with gold and silver lace. His high riding boots, tipped with silver, are picturesque survivals of the fashions of medieval Spain. The ladies form tiers in the carriages, and the youngest and most beautiful senorita is the center of each group, and as they can proceed only at a walking pace the bystanders have the fullest opportunity of observing and comparing the Cuban beauties who pass before them in a continual stream.

The ladies of Havana have for the most part an abundance of beautiful black shining hair, the black eyes, no ble foreheads, small mouths and complexions generally rendered dazzlingly white by means of cosmetics. If the climate affects the complexion and gives it a yellowish tint, cosmetic is used in large quantities to restore the natural hue. Their profiles are not at all perfect, but they bespeak in a marked degree Castilian or Andalusian descent.

Cuban girls receive but the scantiest education. Household duties are held to be unworthy of ladies in good circumstances and are left almost entirely to colored female servants. Reading and bad writing, embroidery, a little music, and less French are taught, and rarely does this system of education awaken any desire to study the general subjects of science, literature or even useful arts. No part of the daily life for them are regarded in Havana as luxuries that can be dispensed with though in one miserably supported bookstore at least 200 fashion magazines can be bought.

The lack of intelligence and fancy is plainly seen in the women of Havana and a certain outward respectability is wanted in some measure. In church or in the theater, in the ballroom or at the bullfights in the circus, the ladies are conspicuous by their imposing demeanor and majestic carriage. But this graceful deportment is artificial and acquired. Their conversation is as dull as form as it is trivial in matter, and they are no play of fancy or sprightly wit to give a charm to their words. How such monotonous existence can be passed without any occupation beyond that of the toilet, the table and strumming up on a piano is only to be explained by the force of habit. Perhaps the climate is to blame for making the inhabitants variable lotus eaters.

It is a peculiarity of house construction in Havana that the domestic life of most families can be observed by passers along the street. In consequence of the frequent earthquakes people dwell chiefly on the ground floors. The huge latticed balconies stretch out almost to the pavement and are always open to catch the fresh air. Thus, if the pedestrian does not wish to be run down by a "volante," he must hug the wall on the narrow footpath, and in doing so his glance will at once take in the interior of the lighted room plainly visible through the widely opened lattice. There he will see gayly dressed ladies and caballeros gravely reclining in rocking chairs and rarely breaking silence.



THE LATEST COIFFURES.

A nearer view of the startling ensemble, but, a clear girl, one of the only seven in the smart set, put a quietus on a nearby group of critics by the most expressive and latest addition to slang vocabulary, "Crumb!"

What a jolly good laugh we all had over the discomfiture of the pases dames after this. Society folk, you know, are quite good natured, and amiably gave way to curiosity, for none of us understood quite the definition of "crumb."

"It's English, you know, therefore correct," explained the young woman. "It may express disapproval, disgust or incredulity. At all events it fills a long felt want for the right word to emphasize certain degrees of emotion."

There's a world of meaning in the clean cut word when contemptuously spoken, accompanied by a shrug. Try it and see.

Proposes of this brainy girl a good story is going the rounds. Recently she was invited for the fourth time within a fortnight to dine with a Madison avenue hostess. Being a bit solicitous after James had taken his departure, she carefully scanned the prettily worded invitation, which naively alluded "to her conversational powers, vivacity," etc. She made a discovery. She was indignant. She rebelled, refusing, as she termed it, to "prattle for a dinner with wits." She would not be made use of. Home dinners were good enough for her under such circumstances.

Madame Nouveau Riche has always been at a loss to understand why polite regrets are the invariable rule to her cordial dinner invitations by this girl, who is poor but proud.

I saw a trio of well groomed women, handsomely gowned, the other afternoon, accompanied by the same number of men, sipping cafe au lait. As this unusual spectacle was seen at an uptown restaurant, where women with other women's husbands are not supposed to be admitted—but, then, men with other men's wives—well, that's a different story—I determined to find out all about it. I was curious to know the national beverage had once more come into its own.

Accordingly I summoned the head waiter. Solemnly dignified, he approached. I was truly almost overawed by this august personage, but managed to put the question.

"Madame, coffee and not tea is the proper drink for a drink."

Mrs. Allen Daywell is becoming famous for her painted copies of Florentine tapestries. This lady has established herself in Florence in the Via Seraph, and executes orders for copies of tapestry so well that it is difficult to

decide whether they are done with the brush or the needle.

Mlle. Schepkone-Copernic has translated M. Rostand's play, "Cyrano de Bergerac," into Russian, and Signorina Lambertini has translated it into Italian. It appears that women are the chief translators of this play, as it has been done into English by two ladies, and Miss Marguerite Hall has made an adaptation for America.

Mrs. John Sherman is said to have made a study of the management of a house and a hobby of housekeeping. Her household was always under her personal supervision and was called the best ordered in the capital.

The Countess of Meath proposes to give the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a nonsectarian home for workhouse girls in Ireland. The object of the home will be to thoroughly train workhouse girls between the ages of 12 and 15 and render them efficient in undeviate domestic service.

Miss Eliza Orne White, the author of

"The Samovar is placed on the table in front of you and while you chat with your vis-a-vis the beverage brews."

Not half bad that, is it?

Some pleasant hours may be thus whiled away between the "morning braces" and "dinner debauch," as a philosophical girl of our set has aptly but inelegantly put it. More than that, I know it by experience.

I contend the coffee afternoon spree is a man for evening duties. Now, that's an argument in favor of the proverb with reference to its being an "it" wind that blows nobody good."

Men grow very confidential over coffee cups.

When Jack and I dawdled from 4:30 until 10 minutes past 6, we weren't discussing the brilliant colored stockings and conspicuous ties worn by Marion Mowbrays nor the latest "dancer de ventree" figure of the german. We just talked practically about nothing and incidentally mixed hands while we fumbled with the samovar.

It's mighty suggestive and homelike, this thing of watching the water boil. It has its advantages, if a half dozen cups of coffee aren't calculated to exhilarate. Your housewifely instincts have an itching. You even find out whether "your Tom" is domestically inclined by the manner in which he dispenses the subject or enthuses over the topic. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Bear these facts in mind: Black coffee is no longer au fait. It must be "alf and 'alf."

The eggshell cups of generous proportions are partly filled with boiled milk when brought on.

Discard your tea trays.

Order coffee for your tete-a-tetes henceforth if you would follow the fad of the Four Hundred or the vagaries of

the faults of other people.

Don't get into the unpleasant habit of criticizing everything and everybody; particularly, don't be hasty in correcting in others mistakes which are trivial and really not worth noticing. Even the most good natured person does not like his faults pointed out to him. We are all aware of the fact that we have faults (with the exception of a few celestial folks), but we don't like to think that other people have noticed them.

Should your best friend find a fault that is really bad, and you feel that you must call attention to it, do so in the nicest manner possible. You might mention the fault as belonging to some one else and speak about it in some such fashion as this:

"G—and-so never seems to have any subject of conversation but dress, does she? If I were she, I think I would try to find a new topic occasionally. One

feel hot and uncomfortable, but a little later use a sentence into which you can introduce the word, giving it the right pronunciation, and the corrected form will most likely be taken to heart.

Never repeat and make fun of the mistakes of one friend to another. They may come round again to her ears, and it will be sure to cause pain when she knows that you, whom she took to be her friend, have been laughing with others over her mistakes.

Bachelors as Hosts.

At the present time some of the very pleasantest of entertainments are given by bachelor hosts. A few years ago bachelors occasionally gave a dinner party or a ball, and then it was generally a function marked by lavish expense, but there was very little of the informal sort of entertaining by bachelors which is so pleasant a feature of society at the present time.

Now almost all bachelors who are so disposed invite their lady friends and acquaintances to some sort of entertainment, to afternoon tea, to supper after the theater or to luncheon.

The reason that bachelors now entertain so much more than formerly is that it is no longer considered necessary that they should be countenanced and supported by sister, aunt or other relative when they desire to entertain ladies. It is now quite understood that at a bachelor's entertainment a hostess is superfluous, which is really the case, for from boyhood schoolboys are trained in the duties of hosts. Probably you have sometimes enjoyed the hospitality of some young Yale boy relative at luncheon on the Fourth of July and have also been entertained at Harvard or Princeton at luncheon or tea in the rooms of an undergraduate friend, and thus you have seen for yourself what charming hosts young varsity men make. Young subalterns in the army entertain ladies just in the same way, and thus at the present time, from boyhood to middle age, bachelors continue to play the part of host to those ladies at whose houses they receive hospitality or for whom they feel friendship.

In fact, Mrs. Grundy's ideas have changed with the times, and she would not advise a wifeless man to trouble a lady to help him entertain his guests unless it should happen that that man were a widower with young grown up daughters.

Marking Table Linen.

A pretty method of marking your table linen very simply is by embroidering your initial about three inches long in the corner. The marking should be done in cross stitch, very evenly and squarely. If you can really be sure of great care being used in washing, a colored flat thread may be used to work the initial, such as pale green, or blue, or yellow, but if, on the other hand, an ordinary laundress washes them, you should use only white, otherwise the colors may run and spoil the pretty effect of the linen. Of course serviettes and doilies should be embroidered the same as the larger cloths, only in small letters. The plainer the design of the initial letter the better, and quite the best style to use is like that of a large capital in print.

Daisy May
New York.

SEASONABLE COSTUMES.



THE WORK OF WOMEN.

Queen Victoria recently sent a handsome pin, with the royal monogram, to Admiral Fullerton, to be given to the pilot Stronach, who has been in her majesty's service for 20 years. The admiral presented the pin while the royal yacht was waiting at Flushing for the Empress Frederick.

Lady Blomherst has had conferred on her the honorary degree of doctor by the faculty of philosophy of the University of Munich in recognition of the work she has done in German, English, French and Italian literature.

Mrs. Allen Daywell is becoming famous for her painted copies of Florentine tapestries. This lady has established herself in Florence in the Via Seraph, and executes orders for copies of tapestry so well that it is difficult to

decide whether they are done with the brush or the needle.

Mlle. Schepkone-Copernic has translated M. Rostand's play, "Cyrano de Bergerac," into Russian, and Signorina Lambertini has translated it into Italian. It appears that women are the chief translators of this play, as it has been done into English by two ladies, and Miss Marguerite Hall has made an adaptation for America.

Mrs. John Sherman is said to have made a study of the management of a

house and a hobby of housekeeping. Her household was always under her personal supervision and was called the best ordered in the capital.

The Countess of Meath proposes to give the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a nonsectarian home for workhouse girls in Ireland. The object of the home will be to thoroughly train workhouse girls between the ages of 12 and 15 and render them efficient in undeviate domestic service.

Miss Eliza Orne White, the author of

"The Coming of Theodora," "Winter-borough," "A Browning Courtship," etc., has written a new book called "A Lover of Truth."

Viola Grignon, wife of Edward Grignon, who died in Seattle the other day, was the first woman to arrive in the Klondike. That was five years ago, since which time she located for herself the Bonanza claim and made a fortune.

Queen Victoria has had plans of dainty little townhouses submitted to

her, which are to be erected round about Balmoral on sites chosen by her majesty herself, on account of the lovely views afforded. The walls of these houses will be lined with pine wood and the roofs thatched with heather. Each will contain a sitting room, dressing room and kitchen.

Miss Mary Hoffman, daughter of United States Judge Ogden Hoffman, has begun a course in the Bellevue hospital, New York, from which she will graduate a professional nurse, with the

intention of devoting her life to charities.

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ALL GOING FOR BARTLETT.

Latest Turn of Democratic Mayoralty Rumor. Plan to Drop Both Other Candidates.

There was a very persistent rumor on the street this morning that C. G. Bartlett would be the democratic nominee for mayor, the two other candidates, C. E. Whitney and Dr. C. J. Curran, having decided to withdraw in his favor. This rumor was not confirmed except by the prevalence of the report, but seemed to be generally accepted.

Mr. Bartlett was not at his place of business and Dr. Curran also could not be seen. A telephone interview with Mr. Whitney brought out the statement that he was not in a position to deny or confirm the report. He said he had made no statement of withdrawal, and did not intend to today. It was understood with regard to Dr. Curran's position that he had seen some of the delegates in the interests of Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. Bartlett's name was first prominently mentioned the day of the democratic caucuses, and was made public in the Transcript of Saturday. Since then his position has caused considerable comment.

The fact that Mr. Parker is believed to have decided not to run has led some to the belief that he is also behind the Bartlett movement, but on this nothing is known.

N. C. Bond's Brattleboro Bridge.

The Brattleboro Reformer, in writing of the new bridge, just completed there, has the following to say of N. C. Bond of this city:

The general design, specifications, contract, etc., were made by Newton C. Bond of the firm of Lapointe & Bond, architects and engineers, of North Adams, Mass. Mr. Bond, who is thoroughly conversant with all the details of masonry, steel bridge construction, erection and the cost of each class of work, by means of extensive experience along such lines, was retained by the selectmen to look after every detail in the construction of this work; the masonry and the superstructure from the rolling of the steel to its completion and erection and paving, ready for travel. The wisdom of this course has been amply demonstrated.

He has fully justified his rapidly growing reputation as among the most accomplished bridge engineers in the country, while in other work of construction his professional rank is indicated by the job on which he is now engaged, the new six story hotel being built at North Adams for P. J. Boland which W. Woods of Greenfield is to occupy upon its completion. It is to be a steel structure, with 119 guest chambers, modern in every particular, and costing from \$95,000 to \$98,000.

We have thus, under Mr. Bond's plans and supervision obtained one of the heaviest of modern constructed bridges in the New England states, a structure that is capable of carrying the heaviest loads that can possibly be put upon a highway bridge.

Mrs. Sanford Very III.

Mrs. Sanford of Camden, N. J., who came to this city about two months ago to visit friends, is very low with pneumonia at the home of E. S. Wilkinson on Church street, and it is feared she will not recover. She is in her 84th year. Mrs. Sanford is the widow of Rev. Miles Sanford, formerly pastor of the Baptist church, and mother of C. D. Sanford, for whom the local Grand Army post was named. Her son, Albert M. Sanford of Philadelphia, arrived a day or two ago and is now with her, as is also her grand-daughter, Miss Ethel Howard of Camden, N. J. Dr. Putnam is the attending physician.

Grand Army Veteran Very III.

Franklin Jeffers of 27 Houghton street is very low and his recovery is not expected. He has been confined to his bed for about four months and is very weak and emaciated. Dr. O. J. Brown is attending. Mr. Jeffers is a veteran of the rebellion war. He enlisted in 1862 in the First Massachusetts cavalry and served till the close of the war, taking part in many important engagements. He entered the army at a very early age, being now only 55 years old. Mr. Jeffers is a member of the Grand Army post in Nauvau, Conn., and of the Union Veterans' union and the Knights of Pythias lodge in Bridgeport, Conn.

CHESHIRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Anthony, of Smyrna, Del., are the guests of Mrs. C. D. Kinsley.

"Donald Mitchell" was the author discussed at the Monday club yesterday afternoon, and Mrs. C. E. Bissell had charge of the meeting. Her readers were Mrs. L. J. Fisk, Mrs. W. B. Dean, and Miss Georgia Foster. Mrs. G. Z. Dean and Miss Mabel Blood rendered a piano duet.

Mrs. Emerson Williams has returned on a short visit in Brainerd, N. Y. Supt. Earl Ingalls of Dalton was in town today.

Harvey Fowler has the contract for carrying the children of the west district to school for the winter.

Miss Kate Shea has returned from Northampton, where she spent the Thanksgiving vacation.

Ed Morehouse of Becket was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Davis has gone to Springfield to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Curtis.

D. A. Evans of Pittsfield was in town today.

The children at the Center school who were perfect in attendance during last term are, as follows: No. 1 Miss Chesbro and Francis Curley; No. 2 Herman Jents, Frank Perry, Florence Plummer, Edward Place, Mildred Plummer; No. 3 Lemuel Brown, John Walters and Ernest Eaton; No. 4 Nina Jacques, Bessie Brown, John Donna, Little Northrup, Ernest Wood, Leon Collins, Bessie Coughlin, Edna Flaherty, Hubert Flaherty, Lena Jacques.

No other preparation has ever done so many people so much good as Hood's Sassafras, America's Great Kid Medicine.

THREE ATTACHMENTS PLACED.

On F. J. Barber's Leather Property. Work Stopped at the Factory.

The affairs of F. J. Barber, the leather goods manufacturer, which have been occupying the attention of the creditors for some time, have been brought to a head by the placing of three attachments on the property. The attachments were placed last week by Deputy Sheriff Frink, acting for Lawyer Dowlin, and since they were placed the works have been closed.

The writs are returnable early in December, and it is probable then that some definite arrangement can be made with the creditors. The three attachments represent a total of about \$2000, and are for New York and Vermont creditors.

An effort has been made by Mr. Barber to have affairs settled with the creditors without the placing of any attachments, and it was thought that this would be successful, but these out-of-town creditors decided not to wait.

News of the Theaters.

"Faust," the drama, was played to a small audience at the Columbia last evening. Joseph Callahan was the star. His Mephisto is good, patterned of course after Morrison, and while he can never hope to equal the Morrison laugh, he presents a very fair idea of the character. Miss Rose Curtis as Marguerite was well received, and in general the play was a good one for the prices at which it opens. Mr. Callahan made a short curtain speech, in which he asked for a larger house tonight announcing that the electrical effects would be more elaborate, and closing with a Mephistophelian invitation to the men in the audience to meet him on his own ground, down below.

Tickets will be on sale tomorrow at the Wilson house drug store for the farce comedy, "All a mistake" at the Wilson theater Thursday evening.

Pleasant anticipation has been aroused by the announcement that the Broadway Theatre opera company from New York is to appear in the picturesque comic opera "The highwayman," for the first time here at Wilson theater next Saturday evening. The company could not come more strongly recommended than that it is the permanent stock organization of the Broadway theater, where fully nine-tenths of all the comic opera stars and comic opera successes in this country have made their initial bow. The success of the company and the popularity of "The highwayman" have been remarkable since "Robin Hood," from the pens of de Koven and Smith, authors of "The highwayman," no opera has appeared that has pleased the public fancy such as this new creation.

OPENING BENNINGTON VALLEY.

The New Management of the Lebanon Springs Road Outlines Its Plans.

The following plans concerning the future of the Lebanon Springs railroad have been made public by the new owners. Business men and others having the interests of the section through which the road runs are much delighted at the prospects of having that locality once more connected with the outer world by rail, which it has not had in over two years.

A representative of the new owners of the road gave the following information. These parties have purchased all of the tax claims of Bennington county against the road, also the receiver's certificates, and thus insure control of the road in Columbia county, N. Y., and of that portion that lies in Vermont.

The owners of the bonds and stocks in the old road it is not expected will make any claim for their worthless securities. The new owners are confirmed in this idea by court decisions and high legal authorities. The old stock and bonds are to be wiped out and a new company formed. The name has been selected, but it is not yet made public. Steam power will be used instead of electricity. The length of the road is 55 miles, and it controls a territory from 20 to 25 miles on either side.

The postoffice department has just made a new requirement concerning the bonding of employees of first class postoffices. Heretofore none of the clerks have been bonded by the government. The amounts required from the clerks at this office have not as yet been decided, but it is probable that the total amount will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This will be in the form of a blanket bond and will be placed with a surety company.

Under the old system the bond was given to the postmaster, but at this office no bond has ever been required of any employee. The new system requires that it shall be given to the government and all the clerks in one office shall be on one bond. This does not include the letter carriers. The postmaster has not yet selected the surety company which is to give the bond. The cost to each clerk will be at the rate of about \$250 a thousand.

New Rule for Postal Carriers.

James Keegan of this city while driving at Adams Monday afternoon met with a bad accident. He was driving his sorrel mare hitched to a cutter and had a lady with him. On Columbia street, opposite the Broadway mill, the road is completely bare and the only snow is next to the sidewalk. Mr. Keegan tried to avoid the bare ground and drive next to the sidewalk. His horse is a spirited one and was so quick to start when the sleigh struck a large curb stone and jerked the animal. The crossbar of the cutter broke and the animal leaped forward. Mr. Keegan was drawn by the reins over the dash board. The horse got away and ran about a mile before it was stopped. The dash of the cutter was broken and the harness was also damaged. Neither Mr. Keegan nor his friend was hurt. The sleigh can be easily repaired.

Sleigh Tipped Over.

William Burnash, Amos la Bounhard and John la Bounhard were in district court this morning charged with the larceny of an overcoat from Levine Bros. It was alleged that the three went into the store together, and that while one of them held the attention of the clerk by buying a hat, the other two abstracted the overcoat. Burnash pleaded guilty and was fined \$10. The two brothers pleaded not guilty and as there was insufficient proof, they were discharged. The overcoat was returned.

Charles Preston was in court charged with vagrancy and his case was continued to allow an opportunity to take him to the Northampton asylum where he has been.

Warriors Will Talk.

At the smoke talk to be given tomorrow evening by Mountain lodge, A. O. U. W., in Odd Fellows' lodge room, the musical entertainment will be furnished by Harry Brown with his banjo, and George Davis of San Francisco with his guitar. Mr. Davis has served four years and nine months as a seaman in the U. S. navy, two years and eight months of this time being spent on the battleship Oregon, from which he has just received his discharge. Mr. Davis witnessed the destruction of Cervera's fleet at Santiago and he will relate his experience. An address will also be delivered by Deputy Grand Master Workman George E. Wragg of Boston.

Stationed at Fortress Monroe.

A letter was received this morning from Leon Hesford, who enlisted in the regular army about 10 days ago. It was the first word that had been received from him since his sudden departure, and was dated at Fortress Monroe, West Virginia, where he is now located. He is a member of Battery H, Sixth regiment, in the heavy artillery, and writes that so far he has found army life very agreeable. His in warm climate and the routine work is attractive.

BLACKINTON

John Chapman and Richard Thomas returned to Webster Monday after a few days' visit at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones have the sympathy of the community over the death of their infant daughter, who died Friday morning from whooping cough. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Father Fallon of Williamstown preached a very forcible and eloquent sermon on "The interior and exterior spiritual life of man" at the Catholic services held in Temperance hall Sunday morning.

The storm of Saturday night and Sunday morning entirely stopped all travel on the electric road after Sunday afternoon. Trains on the Fitchburg were also late. It was the most severe storm for this season that has been experienced for years. One young man froze his ear Sunday afternoon in going a few hundred yards.

Miss Johnson dressmaker has moved to 47 Church street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

H. P. Drysdale, Congressman Lawrence's secretary, will leave for Washington tomorrow. Congressman Lawrence will go down for the opening of the session in a few days.

Mrs. Thomas Davis returned today to her home in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., after a week's visit with friends in the city.

Toilet Set Sale

At **\$2.39** 25 sets left. They are standard goods. In blue, pink and brown. Nine articles in each set. But while the sale is on.

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